

Rule 6.201 of the California Rules of Court is adopted, effective January 1, 2003, to read:

**Rule 6.201. Claim and litigation procedure**

- (a) **[Definition]** As used in this rule, (1) “judicial branch entity” is as defined in section 900.3 of the Government Code and (2) “judge” means a judge or justice of a judicial branch entity.
- (b) **[Procedure for action on claims]** To carry out the responsibility of the Judicial Council under section 912.7 of the Government Code to act on a claim, claim amendment, or application for leave to present a late claim against a judicial branch entity or a judge, the Office of the General Counsel of the Administrative Office of the Courts, under the direction of the Administrative Director of the Courts, must:
- (1) Upon receipt of a claim, claim amendment, or application for leave to present a late claim forwarded by a judicial branch entity, promptly consult with a representative of that entity about the merits of the claim, claim amendment, or application for leave to present a late claim;
  - (2) Grant or deny an application for leave to present a late claim under section 911.6(b) of the Government Code;
  - (3) If determined by the Office of the General Counsel to be appropriate, refer a claim or claim amendment for further investigation to a claims adjuster or other investigator under contract with the Administrative Office of the Courts;
  - (4) Reject a claim, if it is not a proper charge against the judicial branch entity or judge;
  - (5) Allow a claim in the amount justly due as determined by the Office of the General Counsel, if it is a proper charge against the judicial branch entity and the amount is less than \$50,000;
  - (6) Make recommendations to the Litigation Management Committee regarding proposed settlements of claims requiring payments of \$50,000 or more.
- (c) **[Allowance and payment of claims]** The following may allow and authorize payment of any claim arising out of the activities of a judicial branch entity or judge:
- (1) The Office of the General Counsel, under the direction of the Administrative Director of the Courts, if the payment is less than \$50,000.

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2 (2) The Litigation Management Committee, for any claim.  
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5 **(d) [Settlement of lawsuits and payment of judgments]** The following may  
6 settle lawsuits and authorize payment of judgments arising out of the activities  
7 of a judicial branch entity or judge, after consultation with the affected entity:  
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9 (1) The Office of the General Counsel, under the direction of the Administrative  
10 Director of the Courts, if the payment is less than \$50,000 and the lawsuit does  
11 not raise important policy issues.  
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13 (2) The Litigation Management Committee, for any lawsuit or judgment.  
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17 **Comment**  
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19 **Rules 6.14 and 6.800 also govern management of claims and litigation.**  
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